

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Stephen J. Turner, et al.  
Filing Date: March 6, 2001  
Title: OBJECT-BASED COMPUTER SYSTEMS

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*# 4/ Preliminary*  
*Amendment*  
*9/02*

Prior Application:  
Serial No.: 08/845,583  
Filed: April 25, 1997  
Entitled: OBJECT-BASED COMPUTER SYSTEMS

Honorable Assistant Commissioner  
for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Prior to the initial review of this continuation application of Application Serial No. 08/845,593 filed April 25, 1997 by Steven J. Turner, et al., entitled "OBJECT-BASED COMPUTER SYSTEMS," please amend the application as follows:

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